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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1637
Yechezkel BARENHOLZ et al)
Appln. No.: 09/780,757) Examiner: J. Fredman
Date Filed: February 8, 2001) Washington, D.C.
For: DETECTION OF BINDING OF) Confirmation No. 6619
CHARGED SPECIES USING...) December 12, 2002
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of
August 14, 2002, for which a one-month extension of time
for response is hereby requested, please enter the
following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A method for determining binding
of a species at a surface having a local environment at a
given pH or surface potential, wherein said binding is
effective to alter said pH or potential, the method
comprising:

incorporating at said surface a probe which
comprises a pH- or potential-sensitive fluorophore